

Lecture Module - Time Varying Circuits

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General System Model

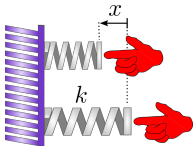
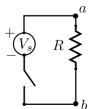
The behavior of a circuit is dependent on time, and many common circuits can be represented by a *linear ordinary differential equation* which can be written in the following standard form.

$$a_n \frac{d^n x}{dt^n} + a_{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} x}{dt^{n-1}} + \dots + a_2 \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + a_1 \frac{dx}{dt} + a_0 x = f(t)$$

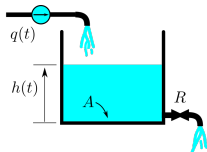
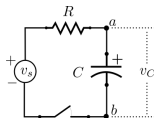
Mechanical-Electrical Analogies

Many mechanical systems are also time dependent, or *dynamic* and a mechanical-electrical analog is often draw between the two.

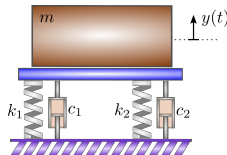
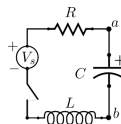
Zero Order



First Order



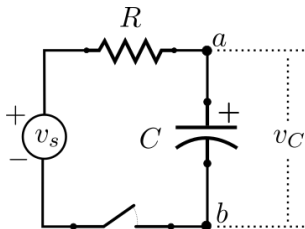
Second Order



This concept was used for analysis and simulation.

Example: RC Circuit

The RC circuit is a first order system. The response to a step input v_s is exponential which is described a single parameter the time constant τ .



First Order Model

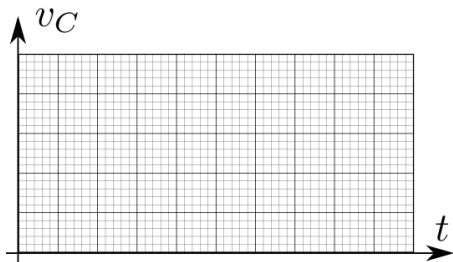
$$RC \dot{v}_C + v_C = v_s$$

Response Equation

$$v_C(t) = v_s \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \right)$$

Example: RC Circuit

<i>time(s)</i>	<i>response(V)</i>



Activity: Bulb Thermometer

Activity: This should be completed by each student as an individual. You are encouraged to discuss with your peers.

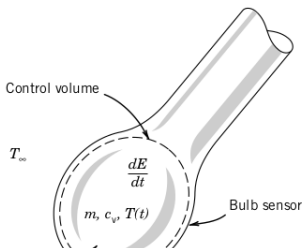
Consider the bulb thermometer shown which can be modeled as a first order system. Write the system model and the expected response.

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \dot{Q}$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = mc_v \frac{T(t)}{dt}$$

$$\dot{Q} = hA_s \Delta T$$

First Order Model:

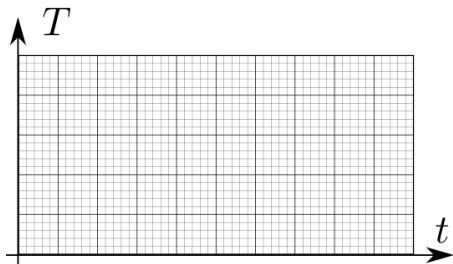


Response Equation:

Activity: Bulb Thermometer

Activity: Fill out the table below and sketch a graph to represent the data.

<i>time(s)</i>	<i>response($^{\circ}\text{C}$)</i>
0	
1τ	
2τ	
3τ	
4τ	



Activity: Bulb Thermometer

Activity: Answer the following questions.

(hint: Think about the *general system model*.)

What is the time constant of the bulb thermometer system?

$\tau =$

What is the static sensitivity? What are the units?

$K =$